†WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 11TH DECEMBER, 1992

Demand for five day week in Kendriya Vidyalayas

261. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand from some Kendriya Vidyalaya Teacher's Organisations to introduce five day week in Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Keeping in view the present school timings and the need for coverage of curricular and co-curricular programmes, it is not the interest of students to reduce the number of working days per week.

Seminar on Role of Women in changings society

*262. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a seminar on 'Role of Women in a changing society' was held in New Delhi on November 18th, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations made therein; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Such a Seminar was organised by a non-government organisation called Chetna.

(b) The seminar has recommended the empowerment of women by providing them with opportunities of training in vocational trades, self-employment and entrepreneurship development. Mass literacy campaigns, educational and awareness programmes should be simultaneously organised to make economic independance of women a reality. Coordinated efforts of Non-Governmental organisations, the Police and the Governmental agencies should be directed for obtaining equality and economic empowerment for women.

(c) Government welcomes such initiatives of Non-governmental organisations for furthering the cause of women.

Hike in Price of Sugar

*263. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to raise the price of sugar sold through the Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed raise; and

(c) what will be the expected yield per annum on account of the proposed hike?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) No final decision has so far been taken regarding the question of increase in the price of sugar sold through the Public Distribution System.

*राज्यों द्वारा अपने संसाधनों के लिए प्रस्तुत की गई सूचना के अनुरूप अनुमान।

†The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Friday, the 11th December, 1992 was cancelled. Answers to Questions put down in the lists of that day were laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, the 16th December, 1992.